

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) An ink ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

100 parts by weight of an aluminum flake containing aluminum flakes of 0.5 mm or less in thickness and 20 mm<sup>2</sup> to 2,000 mm<sup>2</sup> in flake area, ~~in a content an~~ amount of 75wt% or more[[,]];

3 to 200 parts by weight of a binding agent[[,]] ; and

600 to 4,000 parts by weight of a solvent, ~~wherein the solvent is the one~~ containing 20 wt% or more of 3-methyl-3-methoxy-1-butanol.

2. (Original) The ink according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said aluminum flake is 0.3 mm or less.

3. (Currently Amended) A production method of the ink according to claim 1, comprising a step of mixing a mixture, ~~which comprises~~ consisting essentially of an aluminum flake containing aluminum flakes of 0.5 mm or less in thickness and 20 mm<sup>2</sup> to 2,000 mm<sup>2</sup> in flake area ~~in a content an amount~~ of 75wt% or more and a

solvent containing 3-methyl-3-methoxy-1-butanol in an amount of 20 wt% or more, with either a binding agent or a binding agent solution.

4. (Currently Amended) A production method of the ink according to claim 2, comprising a step of mixing a mixture, ~~which comprises~~ consisting essentially of an aluminum flake containing aluminum flakes of 0.3 mm or less in thickness and 20 mm<sup>2</sup> to 2,000 mm<sup>2</sup> in flake area in ~~a content~~ an amount of 75wt% or more and a solvent containing 3-methyl-3-methoxy-1-butanol in an amount of 20 wt% or more, with either a binding agent or a binding agent solution.

5. (Currently Amended) A mixture ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of an aluminum flake containing aluminum flakes of 0.5 mm or less in thickness and 20 mm<sup>2</sup> to 2,000 mm<sup>2</sup> in flake area in ~~a content~~ an amount of 75wt% or more and a solvent containing 3-methyl-3-methoxy-1-butanol in an amount of 20 wt% or more.

6. (Currently Amended) A mixture ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of an aluminum flake containing aluminum flakes of 0.3 mm or less in thickness and 20 mm<sup>2</sup> to 2,000 mm<sup>2</sup> in flake area in ~~a content~~ an amount of 75wt% or more and a solvent containing 3-methyl-3-methoxy-1-butanol in an amount of 20 wt% or more.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A printed matter wherein printing is made on a transparent substrate by use of the ink according to claim 1~~ Printed matter comprising ink according to claim 1 printed on a transparent substrate.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A printed matter wherein printing is made on a transparent substrate by use of the ink according to claim 2~~ Printed matter comprising ink according to claim 2 printed on a transparent substrate.

9. (Original) The printed matter according to claim 7, wherein said transparent substrate comprises polycarbonate resin.

10. (Original) The printed matter according to claim 8, wherein said transparent substrate comprises polycarbonate resin.

11. (Original) The printed matter according to claim 7, wherein viewing is made from the surface, as being the front surface, opposite to the printed surface of said transparent substrate.

12. (Original) The printed matter according to claim 8, wherein viewing is made from the surface, as being the front surface, opposite to the printed surface of said transparent substrate.

13. (Original) The printed matter according to claim 9, wherein viewing is made from the surface, as being the front surface, opposite to the printed surface of said transparent substrate.

14. (Original) The printed matter according to claim 10, wherein viewing is made from the surface, as being the front surface, opposite to the printed surface of said transparent substrate.